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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 5231

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOT STAYS AWAY FROM JULY 4 RECEPTION

1. GOT GAVE COLD SHOULDER TO OUR JULY 4 RECEPTION. IN EXPECTATION OF BOYCOTT, WE HAD INVITED ONLY 200; OF THESE, 85 (22 OF WHOM WERE TURKS) ATTENDED. NO CABINET MEMBERS, NO OPPOSITION PARTY CHAIRMEN, AND NO ARMED SERVICE COMMANDERS WERE PRESENT (FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WAS VISITING HIS CONSTITUENCY THAT DAY). HIGHEST RANKING GUEST WAS SENATE PRESIDENT ARIBURUN, HE AND SENATORS BEKATA AND BATUR WERE ONLY PARLIAMENTARY REPS PRESENT (OF 19 INVITED). OF ELEVEN GENERAL OFFICERS INVITED, THREE ATTENDED. BEST REPRESENTATION WAS BY MFA OFFICIALS: 10 OF 24 INVITED SHOWED UP, WHICH APPROXIMATES USUAL RATE OF ATTENDANCE AT LARGE RECEPTIONS. LOWER THAN USUAL PERCENTAGE OF INVITEES FROM PRESS AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED. NEITHER GOVERNOR NOR MAYOR OF ANKARA WAS PRESENT.

2. WE ASSUME CUSTOMARY MESSAGE OF PRESIDENTIAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED THROUGH TURKISH EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON, WARM PERSONAL LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS HAVE ARRIVED FOR AMBASSADOR FROM GENERAL SEMIH SANCAR, CHIEF TGS, GENERAL ESREF AKINCI, COMMANDER TURKISH LAND
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FORCES, AND THE MAYOR OF RIZE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE TURKS CARRIED OUT SOMEWHAT LESS THAN
A TOTAL BOYCOTT OF OUR RECEPTION, AND WHILE OTHER FACTORS SUCH
AS PARLIAMENT'S RUSH TO RECESS LATER THAT SAME DAY COULD OF
THEMSELVES HAVE HELPED TO REDUCE ATTENDANCE, FACT REMAINS
THAT WE HAVE BEEN TREATED VERY COOLLY ON A SYMBOLIC OCCASION.
THIS TREATMENT NO DOUBT WAS INTENDED TO REEMPHASIZE
DETERIORATION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.
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